



Legends of American Music

Volume Two



When he died of cancer in 1984 at the age of 80, Basie had established his place in American music history as a legendary big band leader with timeless standards like "April in Paris" and his signature composition "One O'Clock Jump."



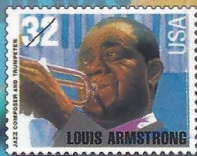
Her compositions included "God Bless the Child," expressing the virtues of financial independence; "Don't Explain," a lament on ambiguity; and "Strange Fruit," a haunting protest against the racial discrimination she encountered throughout her career.



Armstrong appeared in more than 50 motion pictures, numerous television appearances, and hosted a national radio show. He died in 1971.

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